Government Launches Aadhaar PVC Card with Advanced Security Features

The Aadhaar Unique Identification Number is today the key to avail a wide range of social security benefits and government reliefs. In addition to that, many of the financial schemes of the government can be easily accessed by a citizen with his 12 digit Aadhaar UIN linked with his bank account along with his PAN card. However, often the security and durability of the Aadhaar Card has been a matter of question for many citizens, since the Aadhaar Card comes as a plain printed sheet of paper.

Here's a piece of good news for all the Indian citizens. The authorized body for issuing the Aadhaar Card, i.e. the UIDAI has announced launch of a highly secured Aadhaar PVC Card. Let us get familiar with this newly introduced form of the Aadhaar card.

Aadhaar PVC Card:

Just like the PAN Card or the Voter-ID Card, now the Aadhaar UIN will be reprinted on a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) card. Basically it will be the same Aadhaar card that the citizens possess, but now it will come as the Aadhaar PVC Card. This will make it more convenient to carry.

Along with that, it will have smarter security features. Let us now have a look at the key security features of the all-new Aadhaar PVC Card.

Smart security features of the Aadhaar PVC Card:

Given below are some of the pioneering safety features of the new Aadhaar PVC card:

i.   The Aadhaar PVC card is now more resilient and convenient to carry.
ii.   QR code has been printed on the Aadhaar PVC card. This is for the instant offline verification of the Aadhaar enrolled person.
iii. The Aadhaar PVC card will be printed using better printing quality along with a lamination to it.
iv.   The all-new Aadhaar PVC card will be equipped with the up-to-the-minute security features such as:
  - A hologram,
  - Guilloche Pattern,
  - Ghost image & Micro text.
v.   Moreover, the high level security features such as issuing date & printing date have been added to the Aadhaar PVC card.
vi.   The wash-proof printing quality card makes the Aadhaar PVC card completely weather-proof.
vii. Above all, this Aadhaar PVC card also bears a 3D hologram embossed Aadhaar logo.

Procedure to order the online Aadhaar PVC card

UIDAI has also launched the 'Order Aadhaar Card' tab on its portal. Using this feature, the Aadhaar holder can easily get his Aadhaar details reprinted on the PVC card against a nominal government fee of ₹50/- (Incl. of GST & speed-post charges).

Aadhaar Card request can be easily raised by visiting the UIDAI Official Portal and log-in using any of these:

- 12 digit Aadhaar Number (UID); or
- 16 digit Virtual Identification Number (VID); or
- 28 digit Aadhaar Enrollment ID

Here's how Aadhaar request can be raised–

- One can raise the Aadhaar request using a mobile number whether registered or not.
- With the registered mobile number, an OTP shall be received on that particular registered mobile number.
- Similarly, with the non-registered or alternate mobile number, this OTP shall be received on that number.

Tracking status of Aadhaar PVC card:

One can easily track the status of the requested Aadhaar PVC card on the www.uidai.gov.in, under the 'My Aadhaar' tab.

Under this tab, you have to click the 'Check Aadhaar PVC card status'.

On the new window, a 28-digit SRN* has to be entered, along with 12-digit Aadhaar number as well as the captcha code. The status will now be reflected upon clicking the 'Check Status' link.

*SRN is a 28-digit Service Request Number generated upon raising request for the new Aadhaar PVC Card on the portal.

As per UIDAI, new Aadhaar PVC Card will be handed over to the post office within 5 working days.